POHN A. PENDER FREE FROM PRISON

an unconditional pardon. Pen-was convicted of the murder of Daisy Webrman and sentenced hanged. Governor West comnuted the sentence to life imprison, pent and for the past few years Pender has been a trusty at the peniten-tary and has been allowed more or less freedom.

in granting the pardon, the gover stated that he was convinced of innocence of Pender. The goveroor, however, did not make public any new evidence upon which to base epinion, except to quote the confession. nized by officials of Columbia, sounty, he repudiated his confession and stated that he had been told to ake the confession. His confession. tirue, did not clear up details as to he acratches on Pender's face, the many other streumstances which

Pender was indicted on two counts, for the murder of Mrs. Wehrman and for the murder of her young son. He was tried on the first indictment

The Mist of November 28, 1913, satained the following account of he marder and trial, and since the matter has been given recent and question only routin side publicity, the Mist is re-publishing the article which was written by H E Miller, at that time editor of BIG FLEET IN

Last Saturday afternoon the jury the case of the State vo. John A. nder, on trial for murder, brought a verifiet of "guilty of murder in the first degree," after deliberating water hours on the evidence that had taken twenty-three days to produce. The attorneys for the state excepted about four hours in sumup the evidence and it took eight and one-half hours for the atterneys for the defendant to present their arguments in behalf of their client. At times the argument ar client At times the argument came quite bitter, on both sides, rected at different witnesses and hers consected with the case. It their connected with the case. It ook Judge Eakin about forty minimum to deliver his instructions to be jury and those instructions were fair and covered the law in the man thereign the law in the man thereign is a country on either aide. At \$145 p. m. Friday evening the lary recired and from that time until \$145 the next day the Jury discussed and argued over the evidence. It was said by one of the jurymen that there wes no time during all their fallberations that any of the jurers sed for anything else than conof murder in some degree, at that the evidence was gone over theroughly so that no mistak, neight is made. The first informal ballot te made. The first informal balls of the jury resulted in a unanimo. tote for guilty, but no degree was secified. The first formal ballo: beeffied. The first formal ballo: laken resulted in seven for convic-tion in the first degree and five for

Mout twelve or thirteen ballots were

apply for a new

hat we not allowed to prepare a bill of exceptions with a view to ap-pelling the case to the Supreme The crime which John A. Pender s been convicted of was the most flendish and horribly hat has ever en committed in this county and along with the famous Hill smily murder a few years ago in Clackamas county. Frank Wehrmon with his wife and baby purchased a twelve acre tract of land in what is alled Apple Valley, about four miles from Scappeose, and in the spring of 1911 moved there. They built a small house, and made some other improvements on the little place. Mr. Wehrman was a baker by trade, employed in a bakery at Portland, and after a few weeks at his new home with the family, returned to his work at Portland, visiting the family on the little farm each Saturday night end Sunday. During the year and te year previous a number of other families and persons from Portland purchased tracts of land in the chity, some of them following the They were employed in the city and made week end visits to the farms Among the number of new residents that year was John A. Pender who secured a small tract from his brother-in-law. Mr. Schneitzer, and moved the secured with his wife. there in April, 1911, with his wife. They engaged in raising poultry brincipally and made it their permanent home. On the Saturday before labor December 1911 labor Day, 1911, a number of these people visited the farm homes re maining over Sunday and until Monday evening. A week or two before this time Mrs. Pender had gone ta ladependence. Oregon, to the hop fields, where she was picking hops while Pender stayed at home to care for his poultry.

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Serks, a neighbor of the Wehrmans, went to the Wehrman, cabin and ne-Nent to the Wehrman came the outside with a padlock and no signs of life around the place. She locked in the window and there saw the bodies of Mrs. Wehrman and her baby boy about the control of t haby boy, about three years old, bying on the bed. She tramediatel, went back to her home and told her

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MANY PROTESTS ARE FILED WITH COUNCIL

Council Hears Protests Against Assessments Levied

At the city council meeting Mon-

Gorernor Olcott Grants Unconditional Pardon to Man Convicted on Murder Charge After Six Years' Imprisonment—Now a Free Man.

Baturday, September 11th, was a lucky day for John A. Pender, for the Mob Hill street improvement. In addition to a remenstrance filed in behalf of his clients, Attorney Shinn also addressed the council and pointed out to them what he termed as unjust and by no means equitable. a unjust and by no means equitable in the matter of the amessment leved ag inst the property owned by Miss Amy George and Mrs. Isbister. Mr. Shinn took the ground that under the methods followed in determining heae cisessments the action of the council would not hold water in point of law. Added to this was what he considered an unjust asment.

Mayor Saxon expressed himself s being perfectly willing to meet the property holders and thresh the matter out in an endeavor to reach an understanding upon which all would grown grey hairs in its attempt to make a satisfactory assessment, and that he would now put it up to the property owners themselves. He sug gested that a meeting be held Wedteesday evening to talk it over, but orty who showed up was Attorney Shinn and Mrs. Isbister.

A motion by Councilman Wheeler that the assessment as previously adopted be reconsidered was carried, and the matter is now back to its old status and still unsettled.

Aside from ordering the payment of the usual monthly bills and the consideration of the knotty Nob Hill question only routine business

ST. HELENS PORT

Tuesday a fleet of seven vessels were all loading at the same time at St. Helens docks. Between eight and nine million feet of lumber left the docks aboard these vessels bound for the California coast. The one exception was the Shipping Board steamer Point Lovos which goes to South

American ports.

The steamer Daisy Putnam sailed Monday night bound for 8an Pedro, but met with a mishap at Rainier but mer with a missap at Rainier by running into a dredge and dis-abling horself. The vessel was brought back to St. Helens and is now at the shippard dock for repairs. It will probably be a couple of weeks before the Putnam is again ready for

The McCormick steamers Klamsth and Willamette finished loading lum-ber here Sunday and salled for San Pedro and San Francisco. The McCormick steamer Mult-

loaded at the big mill and Wednesday night for San nomah

taken with the result that a first de-Last Saturday a case was before ne verdict was finally agreed upon. Justice Hazen wherein Dell Good-night of Vernonia was being prose-Judge Enkin allowed the defendant's attorneys thirty days in which to cuted for assault and battery on person of Harvey Duncan of tr'al and in case

The two men had a rumpus about three months ago and in the fight that ensued Duncan was badly cut in the side by glass from a show-case into which the two of them had fallen in their scuffle. The glass jury, however, was not involved in the suit, the contention of the prose cution being that Goodnight had assaulted Duncan. The trouble arose over word being taken to Duncan that Goodnight had classed him as a snow-bird or hop-head. Dun-cun demanded an apology, which Goodnight declined to give on the ground that he had not called Duncan a hop-head. To make a long story short, the evidence on both sides tended to show that Duncan struck Goodnight and the row was Justice Hazen took the case under advisement for few days and discharged the defendant. The district attorney represented the state and Attorney Gore the defense.

NIGHT MAIL IS DELIV-ERED NEXT MORNING

A bulletin posted at the postoffice nforms the public that effective September 12th, "on account of having o dispatch the first mall to Portland at 7:25 a. m., instead of 7:50 distribution of mail received after p. m. will be between 7 and 8 a.

the following morning. master is the mail received on the one o'clock jitney train. If a party mails an important letter in Portland for some St. Helens resident and mails it at one o'clock p. m., the let-ter will come to St. Helens that day, but the party cannot obtain the letter also that of Judge Eakin. Much was intil the next day, almost 24 hours

after the mailing time.

The pestmaster informs the Mist hat the postal regulations do not favored the pardon require such long hours, viz: 7 a. m. | Another indictme o 7 p. m. and the Mist admits the pender's head but the Mist cannot 12 hour shift is too long for one person. However it seems that the im Columbia county will take in the matortance of the City of St. Helens and ortance of the City of St. Helens and ter. It will be recalled that Fender torney. He had a Portland awysr was indicted and tried for the mur-torney. He had a Portland awysr mnecessary delay, might cause the der of Mrs. Wehrman. He was also called the defendants were adjudged guilty sostoffice department to give needed indicted for the murder of baby, the defendants were adjudged guilty and fined \$25 and costs by Justice well in the local postoffice, if such the latter indictment. help is needed.

THE JAM



CALF AND PIG CLUB IN JUDGING CONTEST

Youthful Members of the Yankton Calf and Pig Club Hold Judging Contest on Various Herds of Cattle

Through the courtesy of Mr. L. G.

object was to promote greater interest and educate the children in the autos and not less than 100 boosters advantage of ped greed stock. The for the bir celebration at the time of members of the club range in age the completion of the Columbia Highfron eight to 14 years and are as way, according to S. C. Morton, editor follows: Joe B. Davis, Patsy Sobleski, of the St. Helens Mist who was a visit follows:

sailed Wednesday night for San Pedro.

The Daisy Matthews loaded at the Columbic county mill and sailed for San Francisco Wednesday night.

The steamer Daisy is loading lumber at the big mill docks and will sail Thursday for San Francisco.

The steamer Waupama, of the McCormick line, is loading lumber at the big mill docks and will sail Thursday for San Pedro.

VERNONIA FIGHT

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In dollws: Joe B. Davis, Patry Sobleski, Garle Sobleski, Garle Sobleski, Garle Sobleski, Garle Tarbell, Olney to fit the St. Helens Milt who was a vist, and difficult to this announcement in addition to this announcement in additi pens of stock. The next place visit- that there were so ed was the B. Tarbell farm, home of had not been seen. The next place visitthe finest Shorthorn cattle on the Mr. Morton is positive that in addi-Pacific coast. After lunch they ad-journed to the Honeyman farm and large number will come from Clats-lodge e udged a herd of Avershires, and from there went to Sunnybank Farm. come of the finest known Jersey

The children were interested and attentive and appreciated the interest shown in their behalf. Many a dairyman of today would profit by the knowledge had they been taught things in their youth, as we all know experience can be a dear alize

favorite animal and no doubt will the Pacific."

take several of the prizes at the No definite data has been accounty fair in St. Heleville.

MISREPRESENTED, SAY MANY CITIZENS OF CO.

Many Columbia county people, who have been interviewed relative to the action of Governor Olcott in pardoning John A. Pender, express the opinion that the governor has done Columbia county a wrong, not so far as his action in granting a pardon to Pender, but the general inference which has been spread throughout the state as to Pender being "railroaded" to prison. They point cut many of the statements in the governor's lengthy explanation as to why he granted the eardon and are of the opinion that the governor This means that the last mail misrepresented many facts and that which will be distributed by the post- he is, to a great extent, responsible he is, to a great extent, responsible the sentiment which exists a for throughout the state.

There are some who say that the covernor used very poor judgment in bringing into the case the name of the late Governor Withycombe and made of the judge's refusal to op-pose the pardon, but there is no evi-dence, it is stated that the judge

Another indictment is hanging over the latter indictment.

TO HELP CELEBRATE **OPENING OF HIGHWAY**

Completion of Highway Will Be Big Benefit to Columbia and Classop Countles—Secretary Sterla Endorses Movement.

Through the courtesy of Mr. L. G.

Smith, the Scappoose representative of the Mist was able to attend the week and being down Astoria. way first judging contest of the Yankton caif and Pig club, which was held last Saturday.

This club was organized last year The Astorian publication has the folthrough the efforts of Mr. Brown fixing to say of the contemplated principal of the Yankton school. The object was to promote greater interpolated educate the children in the autos and not less than 100 boosters The Mist editor is wandering

club leader from O. A. C., the child-later Mr. Storia telephoned that no ren were given paper and pencils and less than 25 automobiles from St. the opportunity to judge the different. Helens would be in the caravan, and that there were scores of others who

konte and Rainier, and on his way home will interview a number of citizens of the two communities and report back to Mr. Brown. He remarked that it is possible the Columbia county people will arrange short entertainment feature for the

aravan from Portland. "The completion of the highway means more in dollars than we can re-alize." said Mr. Morton. "It has come by stages, but next summer wilt

county fair in St. Helens next week. the celebration at the completion of the highway, but Chairman Brown exserts that some week day would be preferable to Saturdey, as merchants in the various cities will find it dif-ficult to leave their business at the end of the week.

The tentative program includes invitations to Governor Ben Olcott, date officials, members of the state sighway commission, as well as repentatives of civic bodies through-Upon his return yesterday Judge Cornelius immediately announced that he was ardently in favor of a celebration at the time the highway was completed.

MIST RANCHER TURNS LAWYER

W. Louden of Mist was in the

city Thursday. While Louden is not a lawyer nor the son of a lawyer, he prosecuted a case in the justice made the opposing disciple of Blackstone sit up and take notice.

A man and his wife of the Mist

neighborhood had been arrested on a charge of violating Chapter 100, Oregon laws of 1907, and the disto get a ticket in trict attorney was to be there to November election. prosecute the case. Gas wagon trouble on the road detained him, however, and he was unable to reach the scene of action on time. Nothing daunted, Louden stepped into the It will be recalled that Pender same and acted as prosecuting at-

MANY BECOME

Real Estate Transactions Take Lively

Turn in City "Own your own home" is a phrase that is being acted upon to a consid-

astate transactions, and a good share of these transactions involve pur-chases by people for homes in the ity. The advantages of paying for

Rutherford Realty company within the past ten days:
In St. Helens the Graham residence property hre passed to the ownership of A. Engebretsen; the Chas. McCauley home has been purchased by Harry Popejoy; Frank Vachal has purchased a residence property formerly owned by the Columbia County Real Estate company; J. R. Gilby is now the owner of the W. L. Goin house on Nob Hill; T. S. Wilkes, county roadmaster, has purchased the residence and holdings of D. T. Gerdes; Tom Hartsock is a recent

worth, has passed into the hands of R. E. Moe. The Butts farm has been purchased by O. E. Larson, and a sir. Gilmore becomes the new owner of the Skuzie farm on Bachelor Flat, its former owner being Lewis Shat-

LAST MINUTE LOCAL PICK-UPS

Mrs. Kanary has taken a position is manager of the coat department Austin's store. Mrs. Ed. Jones returned last week

from a few weeks' visit with rela-tives at McMinnville.

Cecil Ross returned to Portland this week to resume his studies as future member of the medical prosalon.

Mrs. Wm. Ross, accompanied by lef son, Cecil, recently returned from week's visit in Seattle with Mrs.

family, motored over the mountains program which will be held in the the first of the week for a risit with sity hall the night of November 11, before entering Jefferson high

The members of the local K. of P. ledge enjoyed a most pleasant even-ing in their ledge room Tuesday night. The ladies were also present ollowing the business session or the dge and all enjoyed the spread of mmittee in charge of this feature f the evening's entertainment. W. H. DeMuth of the Puget Sound

Manufacturing company was in St. Helons a few days since looking tito hand the proposition of establishing a some veneer plant in this city. Mr. De-Muth was formerly with the creo-soting company of this city and is therefore f amiliar with conditions here. St. Helens looks favorable to him as a location for such a plant s he contemplates establishing and t is not improbable that a veneer plant will be a future industry of

this city.
A. S. Harrison, president of the Pirst Guaranty Bank of South Bend, Washington, was in St. Helens for several days last week. Mr. Har-rison, who was formerly cashier of the First National Bank of St. Helens, reports that the Willapa Harbor country is prosperous. The bank in which he is interested is doing a good business and although only a few months old, the deposits are nearing he quarter million mark. "Al," as familiarly known here, lived in clumbia county for a number of are pleased to learn of his success n his recently adopted nome.

CAUCUS IS CALLED FOR CITY OFFICERS

Sept. 21, as a time for holding a cau, of allroad ties, and it will likewise cus to nominate, or more properly open up another big industry for this speaking file petitions for nomina-locality.

HOME OWNERS STAGE ALL SET FOR THE BIG FAIR

erable extent by many in St. Helens who have heretofore been rent payers. The real estate dealers of the affy report unusual activity in real Fair-Some Splendid Entertainment Features on the Program.

Columbia county is to have a fair

chases by people for homes in the ity. The advantages of paying for a home on monthly payments little bove rental charges is appealing to many, while others are paying cash outright.

Notable among the purchases recently made are the following transcritions as a part of the business passing through the hands of the Rutherford Realty company within the past ten days:

Columbia county is to have a fair next week that gives every indication that it will be one of the best fairs ever held in the county.

Sceretary Wilkerson is due unlimited praise for the splendid entertainment that his been provided and for their untiring efforts in gathering together what promises to be a most excellent exhibit of the products of Columbia county.

the residence and holdings of D. T.
Gerdes; Tom Hartsock is a recent purchaser of a home on California atreet, and S. W. Garriott becomes the owner of the Brunson residence.

Farm sales are also more or less active, the Rutherford company having closed the following deals in the last week:

The farm known as the Sherman Saxon place, owned by G. L. Hollingworth, has passed into the hands of R. E. Moe. The Butts farm has been purchased by O. E. Larson, and a pir, Gilmore becomes the new owner

days.

The little tots—and even those not exactly in the tot class—have not been forgotten. Secretary Wilk-erson has been teaching school too long to overlook amusement for the little folks. In addition to the dog and pony show the merry-go-round will be largely in evidence. No fair is complete for the little people without this device.

There will be other things to instruct and amuse. The live stock exhibit will be well worth seeing, and the farm exhibits will be of a high standard.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL DISTRIBUTE MEDALS

Armistice Day, November 11, 1920. Rosa' sister.

Party who was seen taking blue silk umbrella from Liberty theatre sanday night will please return it the box office and avoid unplease return it visions of War Department genorar orders.

antness.

Frank Jackson and family, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. W. Jackson and son, Ray, were over from North Plains this week for a brief visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T R Howitt and son of Portland spent Sundry in this city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Field-house, Mr. Howitt is a member of commander.

A. L. Morris, county fruit inspector, is back this week for a few days from the Nehalem section where he is in charge of an orphard cleaning. is in charge of an orchard cleaning requesting that all posts observe gang. Mr. Morris estimates that a this day in accordance with instructions received from national head-

The local post has under the first of the week for a cisit with his mother, Mrs. R. J. Frakes of 1920. Commander Russell will se Scappoose. The daughters, Lola and Faye, came to visit their grandmothing control of the occasion and a musical program the occasion and a musical program will be arranged, local talent taking

Further notice will be had in the ext issue of the Mist and any one desiring information can secure same by calling on the local post reading Victory Medal*Circular and other notices of like kind which are good things to eat provided by the posted on bulletin board in lobby of ostoffice.

Let it be underst od that the Vic-tory Medal will not be issued with-out application being made before which must be approved by some officer designated for the pur-

WILLIAM A. RUSSELL, Post Commander.

M'CORMICK COMPANY **BUYS NEW INVENTION**

A railroad tie perforating machine, the first of its kind to be manufac-inted, was unit 'ellere by the Dock & Terminal company the first of the

Railroad ties in seasoning always ecome more or less checked and in become more or less checked and in their treatment with creosote the penetration of the fluid is uneven. This newly patented tie perforator is designed to stop the checking of the tie while it is seasoning. By means of hexagon knives the tie is evenly perforated, thus allowing the moisture to escape without the resultant checking of the wood. When the tie is given its bath of creosote. the tie is given its bath of creosote the penetration of the fluid is found

to be evenly distributed on all sides.
The McCormick company recently purchased the patents to this machine and it has been turned over to the Dock & Terminal company for use. It weighs sixteen tone In the near As all candidates for municipal future a visit will be made to this offices must file by October 5, some city by officials of the leading rail-action is necessary at once in order reads of the United States to witness to get a ticket in the field for the a demonstration of the new patent. to get a ticket in the field for the its success will mean much to rail-Mayor Saxon has named Tuesday, road companies in preserving the life

tions, for the offices to be filled.

There is a mayor, treasurer, and three councilmen and two water commissioners to be elected this year.

Citizens are requested to be at the city hall next Tuesday ovening and assist in naming these candidates.